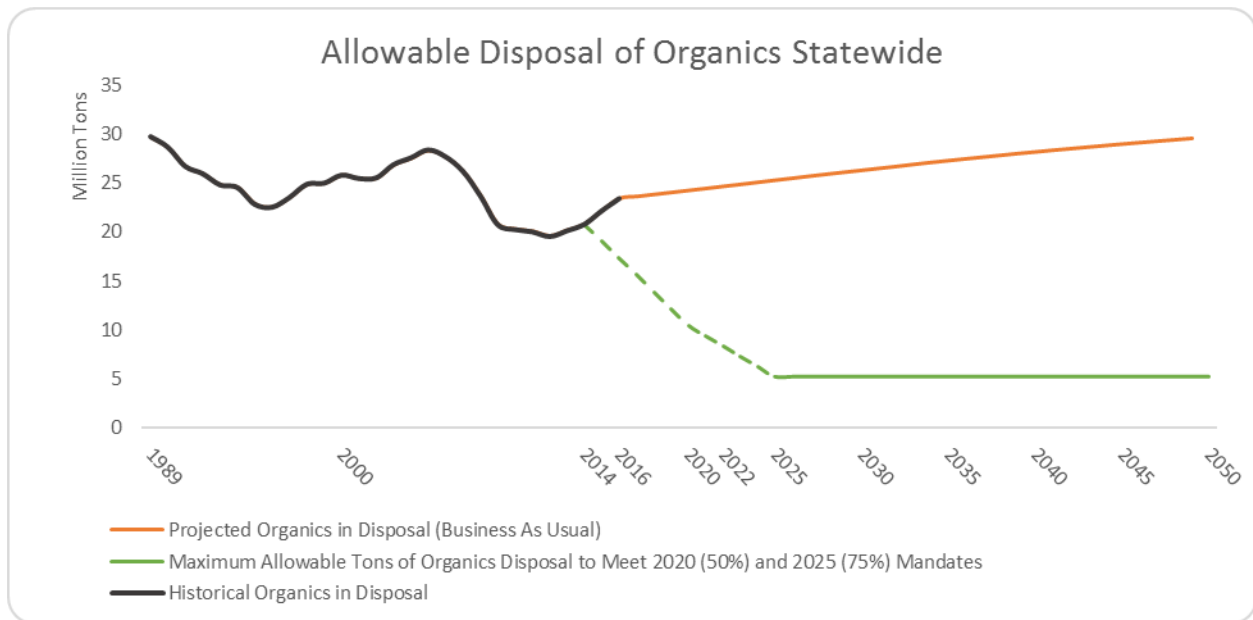


# Establishing the Organics Disposal Baseline

The mandates established by SB 1383 in the Health and Safety Code (HSC) cap the amount of organic waste that can be disposed in landfills in 2025. By setting the 50 and 75 percent targets relative to the 2014 disposal amount rather than annual or per capita disposal, the legislation sets a numeric limit on the tonnage of organic material that can be disposed in 2025. Using the proposed definition of organic waste and the data collected in the 2014 Waste Characterization Study, this would translate into a total limit of roughly 5 million tons of organic waste per year being disposed in the year 2025 and beyond, with an interim limit of roughly 10 million tons in 2020. Using a projection based on population growth, CalRecycle estimates that achieving the targets will require the source reduction, reuse and/or recycling of 20 million tons of organic materials in 2025.



## **HSC Section 39730.6.**

(a) Consistent with Section 39730.5, methane emissions reduction goals shall include the following targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organics:

- (1) A 50-percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020.
- (2) A 75-percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025.